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POETRY

THE ARSENAL

This is the Arsenal. From floor to ceiling,
Like a huge organ, rise the burnished arms;
But from their silent pipes no anthem pealing
Startles the village with strange alarms.

Ah! what a sound will rise, how wild and dreary,
When the death angel touches those swift keys!
What loud lament and dismal miserere
Will mingle with their awful symphonies!

I hear even now the infinite fierce chorus,
The cries of agony, the endless groan
Which, through the ages that have gone before us.
In long reverberations reach our own.

On helm and harness rings the Saxon hammer,
Through Cimbric forest roars the Norsemen's song,
And loud, amid the universal clamour,
O'er distant deserts sounds the Tartar gong.

I hear the Florentine, who from his palace
Wheels out his battle bell with dreadful din,
And Aztec priests upon their teocallis
Beat the wild war-drums made of serpents skin;

The tumult of each sacked and burning village;
The shout that every prayer for mercy drowns;
The soldier's revels in the midst of pillage;
The wail of famine in beleaguered towns.

The bursting shell, the gateway wrenched asunder,
The rattling musketry, the clashing blade;
And ever and anon, in tones of thunder,
The diapason of the cannonade.

Were half the power that fills the world with terror,
Were half the wealth bestowed on camps and courts,
Given to redeem the human mind from error,
There were no need for arsenals and forts.

Down the dark future, through long generations,
The echoing sounds grow fainter and then cease;
And like a bell, with solemn sweet vibrations,
I hear once more the voice of Christ say, "Peace!"

Peace! and no longer from its brazen portals
The blast of War's great organ shakes the skies!
But beautiful as songs of the immortals,
The holy melodies of love arise.

—Henry W. Longfellow.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

The failures of humanity are the people who were too proud and too shy to admit that they did not know; so nobody told them.

—Ian Hay in "Paid With Thanks."

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What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?—I Corinthians 6: 19.

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THIS WEEK'S COVER

THIS is an impression of the little-known Jewish prophet, Haggi, admonishing the Jews to proceed to reconstruct the temple that had remained destroyed for fourteen years. According to the book named after him in the scriptures it appears that he was inspired to rebuke the people for continuing to build themselves houses and to sow and reap and yet receive little returns. He gives the reason as being their neglect to build unto the Lord a House of Worship.

"Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.

"Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways. . . .

"Ye looked for much and lo, it came to little; . . . Why? . . . Because of mine house that is waste. . . ."

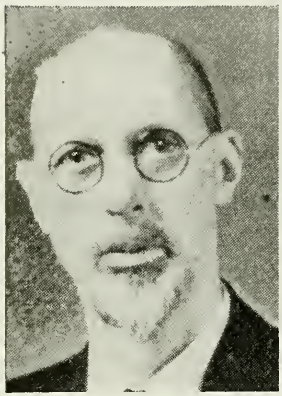
We must not neglect the spiritual development in favour of material.

We Need To Read The Scriptures

By Elder George Albert Smith

Of the Council of the Twelve

THE following is the abbreviated text of an address given at the 111th Semi-Annual Conference of the Church held October last year.



Elder George Albert Smith

CENTURIES have passed since our first parents began their mortal existence and were advised by the Lord how to obtain happiness. For hundreds of years we have had His instruction through His prophets recorded as scriptures so that we could know what He had desired of us. Isn't it strange that after centuries of opportunity to know the truth as taught by the Father of all a majority of the people of this world do not believe it or accept him as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. That they do not accept His teachings is evidence that they do not believe in Him, and it is disappointing that in the year 1940 there are many who fail to realize that God is our Heavenly Father.

Men cannot justify their delinquencies before the great Judge by declaring that they have not had the opportunity to know, for all down through the ages prophets of the Lord have been teaching what He desires us to know, and in our own day and age opportunity unparalleled in the history of the world has been offered to the children of men to know that there is a God and that we are His children.

The Holy Bible is a most wonderful record and if there ever was a time when we should know what it contains it is now. Many would be surprised if they would read it, to discover that some of the predictions that were made by the servants of the Lord thousands of years ago are now in course of fulfilment. It would astonish some people to know that the Prophet Isaiah, seven hundred years before the birth of Christ, predicted His coming. Two hundred years before the fall of Babylon he predicted its destruction, and told in remarkable detail what would follow even down to this day. He said (Isaiah 13: 19-22):

> And Babylon, the glory of Kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.
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> It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation; neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there.
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> But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there.
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> And the wild beast of the islands shall cry in their desolate houses, and dragons in their pleasant palaces; and her time is near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged.

If the Lord had not revealed it to him Isaiah could not have known these things. We today are witnesses that that promise is still in effect, notwithstanding that when the prophecy was uttered Babylon was the greatest city in all the world, the wealthiest and the most powerful of all kingdoms, and was governed by the greatest of all earthly kings.

Sometimes we forget that the Lord has spoken and we fail to inform ourselves to His decrees. Read the prophecies of Jeremiah and Ezekiel with reference to Tyre, or the strong city, and how they were fulfilled and the city overthrown. The ruins are still visible in the bottom of the sea, and the original site is a barren rock.

The dream of Nebuchadnezzar about the great image, interpreted by Daniel more than two thousand years ago, was still in process of fulfilment when the Church of Jesus Christ was organized in 1830.

Read in Joshua, Chapter 6, of the threat against the man who dared to rebuild the city of Jericho and its remarkable fulfilment when Hiel, after hundreds of years, disregarding Joshua's warning, lost his two sons when he laid the foundations and set up the gates of the city.

The scriptures are replete with the prophesies of the servants of God that are fulfilled. They were humble men; but under the inspiration of our Heavenly Father the heavens were opened to them, the future was revealed and they predicted with certainty what should occur. They could foretell the future, but it required the Master of heaven and earth, our Heavenly Father, to fulfill their promises.

A PROPHECY FULFILLED IN LATTER DAYS

We find one promise was made that particularly points to us. I refer to that of Micah when he said (Micah 4: 1-2):

> The mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.
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> And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Micah did not know of himself that God would establish this Church; he did not know that another prophet would come and predict things with reference to this time; no man could know. But the Father who knoweth all things revealed it to him; he predicted it, it was recorded and the children of men are fulfilling the prediction.

Dozens of passages in the scriptures could be cited as evidence that our Heavenly Father in mercy and kindness has been talking to the children of men all down through the ages, not only telling them what would occur, but pleading with them to turn from the error of their ways lest destruction should overtake them.

The destruction of Jerusalem was foretold by Jeremiah, a prophet of the Lord, and his prediction fulfilled to the very letter. The scattering of Judah was predicted by the Prophet Ezekiel hundreds of years before it occurred and Judah is still scattered. Isaiah named the man who should rebuild Jerusa-

lem a hundred years before he was born. How did that prophet know that his name would be Cyrus if the Lord did not reveal it unto him?

MODERN PROPHECIES

In our day the Prophet Joseph Smith has spoken. Through him there have been given to the world many things that are important, many revelations that later were fulfilled.

Nearly thirty years before the Civil War commenced in our country (America) he predicted that it would occur and that it would begin in South Carolina. How did Joseph Smith know that if God did not reveal it to him? How could he pick out the very place that it should begin? I think it would be desirable to read what the Lord said at that time, December 25th, 1832. Doctrine and Covenants, Section 87:

> Verily, thus saith the Lord concerning the wars that will shortly come to pass, beginning at the rebellion of South Carolina, which will eventually terminate in the death and misery of many souls;
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> And the time will come when war will be poured out upon all nations, beginning at this place. . . .
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> With the sword and by bloodshed the inhabitants of the earth shall mourn; and with famine, and plague, and earthquake, and the thunder of heaven, and the fierce and vivid lightning also, shall the inhabitants of the earth be made to feel the wrath, and indignation, and chastening hand of an Almighty God, until the consumption decreed hath made a full end of all nations.

Just as in the centuries that are past when the Lord spoke through Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and His other prophets, He has spoken in our day through His prophet, Joseph Smith. When the Church was still building the beautiful city of Nauvoo, Illinois, he predicted that the Latter-day Saints would be driven from their homes, that they would find a place in the tops of the Rocky Mountains, and that they would become a mighty people in the midst thereof. How did he know? He knew by the same power that Isaiah and the prophets of old knew with reference to the things they predicted.

Read the revelations in the Doctrine and Covenants that inform us how we may escape the calamities that are to cover the earth and afflict all mankind. We are better than other people only as we live better. We have the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The responsibility of disseminating it among the children of men has been magnificently performed in all parts of the world by more than 60,000 of the sons and daughters of the living God. To the ends of the earth have been broadcast by radio songs of praise, accompanied by the great organ sermons of truth, exressions of gratitude and thanksgiving intended for the blessing of all mankind.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHURCH MEMBERS

Our Heavenly Father, through His faithful representatives, has told us of the important things that should occur and we can read about them in His holy scriptures. If we really desire to be saved and exalted in His celestial kingdom, He has told us how to proceed and has warned us that we must discharge the obligations entitling us to that exaltation. While we enjoy this blessing it carries with it a tremendous responsibility.

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Are You A Church Worker ?

By Vilate R. McAllister

From the Improvement Era

THE opportunities for leadership activity in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are very numerous.

Assuming then, that you hold an office in one of the auxiliaries, perhaps you have wondered just what characteristics those in authority saw in you, that qualified you in their eyes for the particular position. There may be one or several answers in your mind. But whatever you decide, the chances are that you were chosen not entirely for your natural or acquired talents or attainments, nor entirely for your personality traits, but also partly because it was felt that you would welcome the opportunity to serve, and the personal development it would give you.

Efficient service in Church activity is a source of deep inner satisfaction. Slip-shod and half-hearted effort robs you and those you serve of the double blessing.

Herewith is a suggested five-point measuring-rod, to test the efficiency of auxiliary workers. It might profit you, and incidentally your organization, to study the chart, re-adjust the evaluations, if you think some of these have exaggerated relative importance, and give yourself an occasional check-up. Given a mental picture of an ideal, most of us will find improvement possible, if not probable. Of course, there are some things in our make-ups over which we have no control. But the points listed here do not fall into this category.

A MEASURING ROD OR EFFICIENCY CHART FOR AUXILIARY OFFICERS

	Pts.
1. Attitude.	
a. Are you thoroughly familiar with and converted to the objectives of your organization?	10
b. Do you **enjoy** your particular work?	10
2. Dependability and Punctuality.	
a. Are you **where** you should be, at the proper **time**? (At your regular meetings, prayer and officers' meetings, union meetings.)	10
b. Do you take assignments seriously? (Do you notify your superior officer as early as possible if you find you cannot do the thing expected of you?)	10
3. Preparation.	
a. Have you studied your handbook or manual, your department hints in the Church publication covering your work, and attended your class at union meeting?	10
b. Are you resourceful and original? Have you developed any ideas for enriching your work, either from your imagination or from sources other than those listed above? ..	10
4. Personality.	
Are you friendly? Sociable? Sympathetic ? Optimistic ? Fair ? Tolerant ? Self-controlled ? Sincere ? Enthusiastic ? Co-operative ? (2 points for each)	20
5. Spirituality.	
a. Do you make use of opportunities for developing your spirituality? (Through prayer, the study of the Gospel, especially the Scripture, exemplary living.)	10
b. How many times did you attend Sacrament meeting this month? (2½ points for each time)	10
Total	100

If Christ Came To The Far East

By Elder Arthur Gaeth

Of Brigham Young University

From The Deseret News

FOLLOWING is the slightly abreviated text of another address by Elder Arthur Gaeth, given in February this year.

LIN YUTANG, the famous Chinese philosopher, writing for the "New Republic," states: "Finland, Greece and China are the three miracles of this war, and miracles can be produced when the human spirit is willing. In the war with Japan, China practically pitted human flesh and blood against enemy artillery and aircraft, and yet she has already achieved some amazing, almost miraculous results. She has fought a first-class world power to a standstill, has definitely forced the enemy to the point of exhaustion, and in the process discovers that she is also playing a very important role in checking Japan's advance in the conquest of the southern Pacific."

SEES CHINESE TRIUMPH

Lin Yutang goes on: "I have recently returned from a visit to Chungking (capital of Chiang-Kai-Shek's China) and I believe the confidence of the Chinese people in their ultimate victory is justified. It is justified by the records of our soldiers at the front. But it is even more justified by the myriad activities of the Chinese nation as a whole—in village reforms, in the war on illiteracy, in the effective weeding out of opium, in the successful running of the Chinese industrial cooperatives, in opening mines and building railways and highways, in the part women have played in the war, and above all, in the spirit of unity and solidarity behind the government. The nation seems to have rediscovered its old qualities and self-confidence. Nobody can take them away. Certainly the wearied and exhausted invaders cannot. Will not the people of the United States help China, not only to repel the invader, but also to rebuild a new and modern democratic state out of the ashes and ruined cities of the war?"

In this conflict which is now in its fourth year, it is not difficult to discern where the sympathies of the Americans are. For forty years they have been of better heart toward the Chinese. A nation that produced its greatest men 2,500 years ago when Confucious and Loatze issued some of the profoundest wisdom of the ages, a nation from which the western world obtained its silk, its compass, its first block-printing, its gunpowder, lampblack, wheelbarrow, umbrella, and scores of other contributions, has demonstrated a remarkable past in which the slow action of wisdom and the patience of experience ultimately, for a time at least, had to give way to the vigour of a younger people bent on conquering and appropriating for itself the riches of the 450,000,000 people that once led the world in accomplishments.

NATIONALLY MINDED

Against this background, the 72,000,000 Japanese who live on the 4,072 volcanic islands of their archipeligo represent

probably the most nationally minded people on earth. Their country has the highest birthrate, over 31 per thousand, which adds more than 1,000,000 patriots a year to their hundred times over-populated area. That means that many Sun-Goddess worshippers added each year—all of them gods who will some day have a place in the Japanese Pantheon. They all venerate their ancestors and all that they stood for. They all live in a land that is constantly impregnated against the outside world, which seems a paradox, because the Japanese have so well imitated the western world.

Japan is a land of low wages, crowded living conditions, and extremes in wealth: a few rich families—with the emperor among the wealthiest men in the world, in contrast to the bulk of the Japanese people who live meagre and frugal lives. Their country is economically well balanced, 55 per cent. of the people engaged in industry and 45 per cent in agriculture, although only about 15 per cent. of the land is arable. There is only one-half acre of land per family, which is the lowest ratio for any country in the world. Most of the farm land is cultivated by small tenant farmers, who make the most of their small holdings. The staple crop is rice, of which one-third is made into sake or rice-wine.

Japan carries land-tax to the extreme, with the result that the farmer pays high taxes to subsidize industry. The islands are being turned into huge factories and as a result agriculture in Japan is suffering. That is one reason why the big industrialists who were responsible for the bleeding of agriculture to obtain their start are now being bled in turn. Most of the generals in Japan grew up on farms and were the sons of peasants. They used the army as stepping stones to attain political power. They wish to relieve the farmers and make Japan an empire for which the raw materials will come from the outside. They believe that the state and not the five large Japanese families that control 60 per cent. of Japanese enterprise should be the accumulators of great wealth.

AVERAGE WAGE LOW

The Japanese have learned to live on small incomes. Only 70 people in the country earn more than £125,000 a year and the war is taking most of that. The average factory wage is now about 9d. a day. Only about 10 per cent. of the people earn more than £6:5:0 a month; only 2½ per cent. earn more than £750:0:0 a year. A good cook is happy with 12s. 6d. a month; a policeman draws only about £4 a month.

Japan survives under these conditions because her diet is simple and also because prices are very low. An agreeable house of five rooms will rent for 25s. or 30s. a month. Food for a family of four costs only about 10d. a day. Lunch in a restaurant can be bought for 3d. A haircut, shave, shampoo, and manicure will cost a gentleman about 6d. You can buy a fountain pen for 5d., a pair of wooden clogs for 1½d., take a ride on a Tokyo tramcar for ¼d. Shoes of leather can be bought for 11s., and a suit of clothes for from £2:10:0 to £5:0:0.

The present pugnacity of Japan may well be a reflection of

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EDITORIAL

Concerning Education

THERE is an interminable discussion about education; why educate and to what end or purpose?

Some say that education should develop the mind, build character, give the pupil a true outlook on life; others say that education should be practical, useful, so as to enable the pupil on leaving school to earn his living without delay, without the necessity for further learning, without apprenticeship. This discussion has been going on since the beginning of human culture.

Five thousand years ago the Egyptians had an elaborate culture, and we may imagine that they debated whether a youth should learn to write before or after he had learned to hew the stone on which the writings were to be recorded. If a man learned to make the papyrus sheets on which the priests wrote their books, should he go further and learn how to write on the sheets he himself had made?

There is always this conflict between the two ideas of education, and the difficulty of arriving at a solution may be illustrated by a parable.

A certain man decided to build a house, so he wrote out a list of specifications of what he wanted and went to consult an architect, saying he wanted a house for a cold climate, with so many bedrooms and bathrooms, living-room, shelf-room for books, kitchen, and dining-room. The architect drew up the plans; the man made some changes and suggestions; and eventually the house was built and the owner moved in quite satisfied.

Another man wanted a house and went to the architect saying, "I want you to plan a house for me, but I shall not be ready to move in for twenty years, and I don't know if it will be in a hot or cold climate and I don't know how many rooms

nor how much I will be able to afford." Doubtless the architect would reply that he could not accept a commission on such terms.

Education is much like that, for no pupil at ten years of age has any knowledge whether he will be alive twenty years later nor how he will be making his living, and so, in fact, education must be something of a compromise between the two ideas of mental development and practical acquirements. There is little room for disagreement about the primary school. At twelve years of age the pupil should know how to read ordinary English with facility, should have some poetry and worthwhile prose stored in his memory, should write a legible hand and do simple arithmetic, but beyond that begins the difficulty.

If the pupil devotes himself to Latin and Greek and becomes well instructed in these languages and cognate fields of learning and at twenty-five years of age is set down in a small town surrounded by farms, he may encounter difficulty in making a living, especially if he is not strong enough to do hard farm labour.

Suppose, on the other hand, that a farmer's boy gets strictly practical education and at thirty-five finds that he has a great desire to write. He will regret that in youth he did not become acquainted with the great writers and become master of the English language through a knowledge of its inheritance from Greece and Rome.

There is also a further side to the question: suppose that the man who has had the practical education becomes wealthy so that he is not entirely immersed in the difficulties of making a living. What shall he do with his leisure hours? At the present time, the answer to that query is apparently to play golf and run about in an automobile.

Or suppose that misfortune overwhelms him; his money flies away; his friends no longer greet him, and, perhaps, like Job, his tears are his food day and night. That is the time when a man needs resources within himself, acquaintance with the philosophy and piety of great men who lived in this world ages ago, an appreciation of the beauties of the mind, an ability to escape boredom within himself.

In one way this discussion leads to no definite conclusion, but will have served its purpose if it succeeds in stating the problem and elucidating some of its factors.

—Frank Warren Smith.

IF CHRIST CAME TO THE FAR EAST

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that country's history, which more than almost any country in the world has been a military one. While that history is reported to run back 2,600 years, it is only for about 1,500 years that we know anything about the Japanese. As a people they had no significant record until their islands were invaded by the Chinese 1,400 years ago. The Chinese turned them from barbarism and gave them their first real civilizing influence. The Japanese still resent that stain on their national pride and are trying to atone for their inferiority complex by putting the Chinese in their debt for something—presumably not some new civilizing influence.

RULED BY EMPERORS

For centuries the Japanese were ruled by emperors, but their internal history is a series of wars between feudal families, so that the island history is one of almost continuous civil war. About 1185 A.D. the emperors finally became puppets to shoguns or mayors of the palace and retained only nominal authority. Their shoguns and generals became the actual rulers, establishing dynasties that ruled on an hereditary basis, so that Japan for a long time lived under a highly feudalistic system.

Then in about 1542 Japan was visited by Christianity, brought in by the Portugese—but these Christian travellers brought with them so much strife and civil war that they were turned out as a bad influence and the islands were cut off from the rest of the world when their rulers made it an offence against the state for any of the inhabitants to leave them. From 1637 until an American naval officer, Commodore Perry, knocked at the door in 1853, all foreigners were excluded from Japan. What trading was done was carried on through a few Dutch traders from the Island of Nagasaki. This group had been marooned there and was allowed to unload goods and send Nipponese products to the outside world.

When Commodore Perry came to get better treatment for American sailors who had been shipwrecked on Japanese islands and to attempt to get some trading privilges, the Takugawa Shogunate in power, but already dying of age, had to yield. Then the British followed in on the heels of the Americans. An allied fleet bombarded Japanese coastal towns to keep the country open and soon the west was pouring into Japan. But Japan learned more rapidly than any other country in the world how to attack the west with its own medicine of industrialization and expansion.

NEW ERA BEGINS

In 1868, the tottering Takugawa family was attacked by the rising Stasum and Choshues, who resurrected the emperor and brought about what is named in history the Meji restoration—that is the date for the beginning of modern Japanese history.

When the emperor was restored, he became a symbol in whose name all the forces for growth in Japan could be united to create an expanding empire. By 1889 Japan was a consti-

tutional monarchy which smacked of Prussian bureaucracy, but followed the British political pattern—although it was not constitutional to the extent that the people had anything to say about the constitution. The constitution was bestowed upon the people by imperial command. It could only be amended upon the initiative of the emperor with a vote of approval by the two houses of Parliament or the Japanese Diet. When it has an assent from the throne, the Japanese parliament has a right to elaborate on the constitution and interpret it without any interference from the courts, which means that it becomes very difficult for the people of Japan to act upon the constitution, except as they can influence the emperor or the parliament.

To advise the emperor and actually to act for him, a prime minister and twelve other ministers form a cabinet which acts as the executive in Japan. But this cabinet is not the sole advisor to the emperor and it must also have the support of a majority in the lower house of Parliament. Until very recent times there were also elder statesmen, who helped bring the emperor back to prominence in 1868, and also a privy council which helped the emperor to make important decisions, but the last elder stateman, Saionji, died a few weeks ago.

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WE NEED TO READ THE SCRIPTURES

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Every man and every woman who has accepted the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who has gone down into the waters of baptism and been confirmed a member of His Church should so live that others seeing their upright lives may be constrained to accept the Gospel of our Lord and prepare to become faithful sons and daughters.

Now in conclusion, let me say that God lives, I know that the Bible contains His holy word. I know that the Book of Mormon is a history of the ancestors of the American Indians and tells of God's hand-dealings with His children here in America in an early day. I know that the Doctrine and Covenants contains the promises of our Heavenly Father to the children of men—wonderful promises that can only be realized by us if we make ourselves worthy of them by living correct lives. Let us who have accepted the Gospel of our Lord evidence our knowledge of its truth, let us demonstrate our assurance of its power and set such an example before all the world that our Father's other children, whom He loves as much as He loves us, may desire not only to search the old scriptures but to read the new scriptures and listen to the voice of His servants who today are in different parts of the world calling all men to repentance, with the promise that if they will repent and receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ as revealed by Him in former days and in this latter day, all—not just a few—but all may be exalted in His celestial kingdom and obtain glory, immortality and eternal life.

Your Attention, A Moment, Please

"STAR" SALES CAMPAIGN TO BE LAUNCHED ! !

ALL ARE ENTITLED TO ENTER THIS CONTEST ! ! !

READERS will no doubt remember, a few years back, the "Star" sales competition that was projected during the administration of President Joseph Cannon, during which readers of the "Star" who could sell certain numbers of subscriptions were awarded small bronze and silver stars in recognition of their efforts. We propose to inaugurate a similar scheme now in an effort to increase the circulation of our journal. Since taking over the distribution of the "Star" at the beginning of 1940, we have been able to increase its circulation approximately one-third again of what it was then; but we are not satisfied, for we feel that more Latter-day Saint homes should have the "Star" in them and that its value as a proselyting force, which it has always been, can only be measured in terms relative to the number of friends' homes it goes to each week. We have constantly asked your cooperation since we started to do this important work of producing and distributing the "Star" week by week, and know that with it we have progressed thus far. Still we ask. **"Will you make an extra effort to help increase the circulation of the 'MILLENNIAL STAR' ? "**

As an inducement to all who would pledge themselves in this cause, we will present ONE BRONZE STAR to any reader who can sell 15 NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS OF THREE MONTHS EACH. A DOUBLE BRONZE STAR will be awarded to the readers who sell 30 NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS, a TRIPLE BRONZE STAR to the readers who sell 45, and a SILVER STAR to the readers who sell 60. These stars are attractive little badges that can be affixed firmly to the jacket, coat, or tie, or handbag, or anywhere the wearer desires, not too conspicuous, but recognisable as worthy reward of effort in the project. The contest is open to all readers of the "Star," including **Missionaries, who are expected to lead the way.**

The rules are few and simple, but must be adhered to.

1. Any Contestant must be a reader of the "Star" and their own account must be clear on the circulation index.
2. Every subscription sent in must be new. Contestants will only receive credit for a RENEWAL if the subscriber is Two Quarters in Arrears and settles Account at time of Renewal.
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IT is very gratifying to the Circulation Department of the "Star" to have so many of our readers reply so promptly to the reminders of subscriptions due that are placed in their copies. Due to the moving of the office last year, things became a little topsy turvy and it is only of late that we have been able to put matters shipshape again. May we say that the system in vogue at the present time is no different from before, except that we have abolished credit accounts. It has always been customary to pay for the "Star" in advance three months: thus at the expiration of that time according to your last renewal you will receive a notice, and from thence one weekly to remind you that payment is due. **Please help us to keep "STAR" accounts up to date.** If you leave payment until well on during the quarter following your receipt of reminder, it will seem that you receive another reminder too soon after you have paid your account.

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Mission Genealogical Message

BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE

THE lessons as outlined in the Class Book "Out of the Books" do not give any special subject to be taken as an Activity Period; it is not advisable that all the time be spent in teaching from the lesson book, and it is a good plan to spend 15 minutes out of the 45 in activity, and the finest kind of activity is that furnished by filling in the assignments outlined in the Book of Remembrance.

In these books an outline of the coat of arms will be found in the first page after the Instructions. The object is to add to the outline, one part after another, of the coloured coat of arms till a full coloured coat of arms is completed.

After completing the assignments which are given in the instruction, the members are allowed to have the equivalent part of the coat of arms stuck in their books.

NOTE TO TEACHERS

Check up on those who have Books of Remembrance in your class and see if any of the members have completed assignments which will entitle them to these badges; if so, it will be in order for you to stick them on. You will find this work most interesting, and the satisfaction derived from a well filled Book of Remembrance amply rewards the earnest worker.

—MISSION SUPERVISOR.

For The Young Folk

A BIBLE MENU—A PARABLE

By Nephi Jensen

TWO men went into a restaurant one day. One was an artist. The other was a matter-of-fact fellow, who was very hungry. As they sat down at a table each picked up a menu.

The menu had on it the reproduction of a rare painting. The artist became interested in the painting, admired it, and talked about it; but ordered no meal. His companion ordered a good meal and ate it with relish.

The two left the restaurant, and a little later the artist commenced to complain about being hungry.

"Of course you are hungry," replied the companion. "You failed to use the menu for what it was intended—a guide to a meal!"

Most so-called Bible believers use the Bible just as this artist used the menu. They admire its fine literature and talk eloquently about the spiritual feast enjoyed in Bible times. But they do not use the Bible as it was intended, as a spiritual menu—a guide to the enjoyment of the great spiritual graces and powers enjoyed by the ancients.

They have a theoretical religion, a religion based upon the story of one, instead of a religion founded upon an actual knowledge of God.

It was this almost unusual tendency of Christians to base their religion upon the story of one that led Emerson to say:

"We ought to have a religion of revelation to use and not the history of one."

Latter-day Saints have real religion—a religion of revelation to them, not just a "history of one."

PUZZLE

HERE is another puzzle for you. This week they are names of character in the Book of Mormon. See if you can find them out?

1. E L U L E M - .....
2. A H A M E L N .....
3. M E Z O R E Z .....
4. M A M O N - .....
5. D E J A R - .....
6. I B A D I N A - .....
7. J E N A B I M - .....
8. M A L I N O - .....
9. H A S O M I - .....
10. L U M A K E - .....

Answers will be published next week.

The answers to last week's puzzle were: 1, Abraham; 2, Nebuchadnezzar; 3, Matthew; 4, Aaron; 5, Nicodemus; 6, Paul; 7, Solomon; 8, Naomi; 9, Lazarus; 10, Pilate.

Peace Aims

By Elder Frank R. Coleby

President of the Norwich District

WE hear so much of War Aims—What of Peace Aims? Statesmen of war-racked and sickened nations seem at a loss to find a really constructive plan that eliminates possibility of war for the future.

The Plan of Jesus Christ is upon the earth, but the hearts of but a few are turned towards it. A promise is made to God's children in the New Testament, with which we are very familiar:

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

Surely there is a lack of wisdom in the minds of men today. One of the Lord's children took this advice over one hundred years ago and his prayer was answered, with the result that the Gospel Plan was restored to earth—the only plan whereby peace can be had among mankind—and that permanently.

I remember an experience when I was a cabin boy on a small ship. One very dark night I was standing on deck with the captain, and I was alarmed and doubtful as to how we should find our way back to port in such conditions, for there was nothing but water for miles around and not a light of any kind to be seen. I told the captain of my fears. His answer has ever since been a guide in my life. He said that he had a chart that he always kept his eyes upon, and that there were laws, which he had studied and understood, that governed the tides and the compass and that these laws must be obeyed in order to bring the ship safely into port. In this answer, I think, there is much that even those who shape the destiny of nations would do well to meditate upon.

If only they would search the Scriptures and keep their eyes upon them as the captain did upon his chart. In them is to be found all the laws which govern the tides and winds of adversity, a proper understanding of which will bring the ships of state safely into port, into the Port of Peace. The Gospel calls upon the world to repent and turn unto the Saviour. "Many are called, but few are chosen," and they, the Priesthood of God, commissioned by Jesus Christ, offer to the world—to kings, noblemen, statesmen and commoners—a Plan which embodies real Peace Aims. Not only do they offer a Plan, but promise joy, satisfaction and exaltation.

The Saviour said in His great Sermon on the Mount:

Ye have that it has been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbours, and hate thine enemy.

But I say unto you, love thine enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you, and persecute you.

This applies today as it did nearly two thousand years ago; it is a law and a condition in the Gospel of peace and goodwill, for, "God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world might through him be saved."

In Ezekiel, Chapter 3, there is a warning also unto the people of this generation:

Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.

When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

Herein lies our responsibility. On the other hand, the Gospel of Jesus Christ has been restored in its fulness and we say to those who seek for Peace Aims, "Seek and ye shall find, Knock and it shall be opened unto you."

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DOINGS IN THE DISTRICTS

Leeds

A baptismal service was held in the chapel of the Bradford Branch on Saturday, April 12th, at which Patricia Elkington and Donald Bradbury were baptised by Brother Tom Elkington. Confirmation followed, Patricia Elkington being confirmed by Brother Fred Bradbury and Donald Bradbury being confirmed by Brother Tom Elkington.

In the evening of the same day a pantomime, "Babes in the Woods," was presented to a packed audience by members of the Bradford Branch and the Sunshine School of Dancing. Principals taking part were: George Hubbard as the Baron, John Burns, Jnr., at Dame Martha, Brothers Herbert Walker and John Bradbury as the Robbers, Florence Dennis as Robin Hood, Dorothy Bradley as Maid Marion, Agnes Bradley as Polly, B. Raper as the Fairy Queen, and Kathleen Burns and Winnie Hargreaves as Betty and Reggie, the Babes. The proceeds were in aid of the Soldiers' Comforts' Fund.

PUBLICITY

NOTEWORTHY publicity was received at the showing of "Brigham Young" in Liverpool. The Lady Missionaries have been active in that district in connection with the film and together with Brother Clifford Hartley secured permission to address the audiences at three showings in one day at the Palace Theatre, Leigh. Sister Louise Lawman spoke at the afternoon showing and Brother Hartley at the evening. Together with Brother Jones and Fellows of Leigh, they distributed some 2,000 tracts in the neighbourhood in one day and on one occasion gave Book of Mormon tracts to patrons leaving the cinema. Copies of the Book of Mormon and "Life of Brigham Young" have been disposed of too, the Lady Missionaries being successful in placing a copy of each in one public library.

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WEDDING

THOMSON - McQUEEN — Sister Margaret Watt Thomson was married to Brother Robert Nelson McQueen on Saturday, April 5th, in the home of Sister Matilda McQueen. The ceremony was performed by District President Andrew B. McGowan. Approximately twenty guests were present and were entertained afterwards at a reception held in the home.

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"Was he good?"
"No, just medium."

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